

Remarks

Claims 1-46 are pending. Claims 1-33 are allowed and claims 34-46 stand rejected. Claims 15 and 34 are currently amended. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection set forth by the Examiner.

35 USC § 101 Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 34-46 under 35 USC § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner has suggested that "an explicit recitation of a physical post-processing activity (e.g. a step of charging a sub-region, as apposed to calculating a value which may be used for that purpose)" would be directed to statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended Claim 34 to include the active step of applying a charge to said sub-region. The Applicants submit that claim 34 as amended complies with the Examiners suggestions concerning the invention claimed in claims 34-46, and request the Examiner withdraw the rejection on claims 34-46.

Conclusion

The Applicants submit that the amended claim 34 is now directed to statutory subject matter under 35 USC § 101. The Applicants thus respectfully ask the Examiner to allow the previously rejected claims 34-46, in addition to claims 1-33.

Respectfully submitted,

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